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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently amended). [[A]] In an apparatus (1) arranged for modifying a message (90) prior to sending the message to a receiver (5), the message including a plurality of parameters (99), each parameter of the plurality of parameters having a corresponding parameter value that is initially set to a corresponding default parameter value; the apparatus comprising a message control unit (20), a display unit (11) and a user input/output device (13); the message, including the plurality of parameters, being controlled by the message control unit; the message control unit, display unit and the user input/output device arranged to display information to a user of the apparatus, such displayed information including the current parameter values of the plurality of parameters; the message control unit, display unit and the user input/output device further arranged for the user to access and control the current parameter values of the plurality of parameters; a method for modifying [[a]] the message in an apparatus prior to sending the message to [[a]] the receiver, the message comprising a plurality of parameters, each parameter having a parameter value, each parameter value initially set to a default value, the method comprising determining when the user wants to modify at least one parameter and, when it is determined that the user wants to modify at least one parameter, by the apparatus (1), and for each parameter of the plurality of parameters, determining when the user wants to modify the parameter.:

(a) displaying a plurality of choices of parameter values for the each parameter to the user;

(b) when the user selects a particular parameter value from the displayed plurality of choices of parameter values, determining the user's selection, thus forming a selected parameter value for the each parameter; and

(c) modifying the corresponding parameter value for the each parameter based on the selected parameter value;

and wherein each parameter of the plurality of parameters is based on the receiver (5).

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2 (Cancelled).

3 (Currently amended). The method of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, further comprising by the apparatus (1), retaining the corresponding parameter default value when the user does not make a selection based on the displayed plurality of choices of parameter values.

4 (Cancelled).

5 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, the step (a) of displaying a plurality of choices of parameter values being performed by means of an included LCD display screen.

6 (Cancelled).

7 (Currently amended). The method of ~~claim 6~~ claim 1, the plurality of parameters comprising a receiver resolution, a receiver compression and a receiver paper size.

8 (Original). The method of claim 1, the message comprising an e-mail message.

9 (Original). The method of claim 1, the message comprising a facsimile message.

10 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising a subsequent step, by the apparatus, of sending the message.

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11 (Currently amended). The method of claim 10, the step of sending the message comprising transmitting the message to the remote receiver by means of a communication network.

12 (Original). The method of claim 11, the communication network comprising an internet.

13 (Original). The method of claim 1, the apparatus comprising an image forming device.

14 (Original). The method of claim 13, the image forming device comprising a facsimile machine.

15 (Original). The method of claim 13, the image forming device comprising a printing machine.

Claims 16-45 (Cancelled).

The applicant hereby presents twenty-three (23) additional claims shown below as new claims numbered 46-68:

46 (New). The method of claim 1, the display unit (11) including a touch-sensitive or touch screen display unit, and the step (b) of determining the user's selection of a particular parameter value being based on the user touching an included touch-sensitive portion of the screen display.

47 (New). The method of claim 1, the user input/output device (13) including input buttons or other input devices, and the step (b) of determining the user's selection of a particular parameter value being based on the user activating an included input button or other input device.

48 (New). In an image forming device (1) arranged for modifying a message (90) prior to sending the message to a receiver (5), the message including a plurality of parameters (99), each parameter of the plurality of parameters having a corresponding parameter value that is initially set to a corresponding parameter default value; the image forming device comprising a message control unit (20), a display unit (11) and a user input/output device (13); the message, including the plurality of parameters, being controlled by the message control unit; the message control unit, display unit and the user input/output device arranged to display information to a user of the image forming device, such displayed information including the current parameter values of the plurality of parameters; the message control unit, display unit and the user input/output device further arranged for the user to access and control the current parameter values of the plurality of parameters; a method of modifying the parameter value of at least one parameter of the plurality of parameters before the message is sent, the method comprising:

- (a) by the image forming device display unit (11), displaying (303) a set of available parameter values for a first parameter of the plurality of parameters;
- (b) by the user, selecting (304) a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values, thus forming a first parameter selected value; and
- (c) by the image forming device, modifying (305) the first parameter value based on the first parameter selected value.

49 (New). The method of claim 48 further comprising the steps of:

- (d) by the image forming device display unit (11), displaying (313) a set of available parameter values for a second parameter of the plurality of parameters;
- (e) by the user, selecting (314) a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values, thus forming a second parameter selected value; and
- (f) by the image forming device, modifying (315) the second parameter value based on the second parameter selected value.

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50 (New). The method of claim 49 further comprising the steps of:

- (g) by the image forming device display unit (11), displaying (323) a set of available parameter values for a third parameter of the plurality of parameters;
- (h) by the user, selecting (324) a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values, thus forming a third parameter selected value; and
- (i) by the image forming device, modifying (325) the third parameter value based on the third parameter selected value.

51 (New). The method of claim 48, the step (a) of displaying a set of available parameter values for the first parameter including displaying the choice "default", corresponding to the first parameter's default value.

52 (New). The method of claim 49, the step (d) of displaying a set of available parameter values for the second parameter including displaying the choice "default", corresponding to the second parameter's default value.

53 (New). The method of claim 50, the step (g) of displaying a set of available parameter values for the third parameter including displaying the choice "default", corresponding to the third parameter's default value.

54 (New). The method of claim 48, the display unit (11) comprising a touch-sensitive or touch screen display unit, the step (b) of selecting a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values for the first parameter including, by the user, touching a touch-sensitive portion of the display screen corresponding to the first parameter selected value.

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55 (New). The method of claim 49, the display unit (11) comprising a touch-sensitive or touch screen display unit, the step (e) of selecting a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values for the second parameter including, by the user, touching a touch-sensitive portion of the display screen corresponding to the second parameter selected value.

56 (New). The method of claim 50, the display unit (11) comprising a touch-sensitive or touch screen display unit, the step (h) of selecting a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values for the third parameter including, by the user, touching a touch-sensitive portion of the display screen corresponding to the third parameter selected value.

57 (New). The method of claim 48, the user input/output device (13) comprising input buttons or other input devices, the step (b) of selecting a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values for the first parameter including, by the user, activating an input button or other input device corresponding to the first parameter selected value.

58 (New). The method of claim 49, the user input/output device (13) comprising input buttons or other input devices, the step (e) of selecting a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values for the second parameter including, by the user, activating an input button or other input device corresponding to the second parameter selected value.

59 (New). The method of claim 50, the user input/output device (13) comprising input buttons or other input devices, the step (h) of selecting a parameter value from the displayed set of available parameter values for the third parameter including, by the user, activating an input button or other input device corresponding to the third parameter selected value.

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60 (New). The method of claim 48, the first parameter comprising a receiver resolution parameter that is based on the receiver (5).

61 (New). The method of claim 49, the second parameter comprising a receiver compression parameter that is based on the receiver (5).

62 (New). The method of claim 50, the third parameter comprising a receiver paper size parameter that is based on the receiver (5).

63 (New). The method of claim 48, the image forming device comprising a facsimile machine.

64 (New). The method of claim 48, the image forming device comprising a printing machine.

65 (New). The method of claim 48, further comprising a subsequent step, by the image forming device, of sending (400) the message.

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66 (New). A method for modifying a parameter value of at least one parameter in a message (90) in an image forming device (1) prior to sending the message to a receiver (5), the message including a plurality of parameters (99), the plurality of parameters comprising a receiver resolution parameter, a receiver compression parameter and a receiver paper size parameter, each parameter of the receiver resolution parameter, the receiver compression parameter and the receiver paper size parameter having a corresponding parameter value that is initially set to a corresponding parameter default value; the image forming device comprising a message control unit (20), a display unit (11) and a user input/output device (13); the display unit comprising a touch-sensitive or touch screen display unit; the message, including the receiver resolution parameter, the receiver compression parameter and the receiver paper size parameter, being controlled by the message control unit; the message control unit, display unit and the user input/output device arranged to display information to a user of the image forming device, such displayed information including the current parameter values of the receiver resolution parameter, the receiver compression parameter and the receiver paper size parameter; the message control unit, display unit and the user input/output device further arranged for the user to access and control the current parameter values of the receiver resolution parameter, the receiver compression parameter and the receiver paper size parameter; the method comprising:

- (a) by the image forming device display unit (11), displaying (303) a plurality of receiver resolution parameter value choices, including displaying the choice "default", corresponding to the receiver resolution parameter default value;
- (b) by the user, selecting (304) a receiver resolution parameter value from the displayed plurality of receiver resolution parameter value choices, thus forming a receiver resolution parameter value selection, including, by the user, touching a touch-sensitive portion of the display screen corresponding to the receiver resolution parameter value selection;
- (c) by the image forming device, modifying (305) the receiver resolution parameter value based on the receiver resolution parameter value selection;

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- (d) by the image forming device display unit (11), displaying (313) a plurality of receiver compression parameter value choices, including displaying the choice "default", corresponding to the receiver compression parameter default value;
- (e) by the user, selecting (314) a receiver compression parameter value from the displayed plurality of receiver compression parameter value choices, thus forming a receiver compression parameter value selection, including, by the user, touching a touch-sensitive portion of the display screen corresponding to the receiver compression parameter value selection;
- (f) by the image forming device, modifying (315) the receiver compression parameter value based on the receiver compression parameter value selection;
- (g) by the image forming device display unit (11), displaying (323) a plurality of receiver paper size parameter value choices, including displaying the choice "default", corresponding to the receiver paper size parameter default value;
- (h) by the user, selecting (324) a receiver paper size parameter value from the displayed plurality of receiver paper size parameter value choices, thus forming a receiver paper size parameter value selection including, by the user, touching a touch-sensitive portion of the display screen corresponding to the receiver paper size parameter value selection;
- (i) by the image forming device, modifying (325) the receiver paper size parameter value based on the receiver paper size parameter value selection; and
- (j) by the image forming device, sending (400) the message;

wherein:

the receiver resolution parameter is based on the receiver (5);

the receiver compression parameter is based on the receiver (5); and

the receiver paper size parameter is based on the receiver (5).

67 (New). The method of claim 66, the image forming device comprising a facsimile machine.

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68 (New). The method of claim 66, the image forming device comprising a printing machine.